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I. REMARKS

Election without traverse of claims 1-6 in Paper No. 5 is acknowledged. Therefore, claims 1-6 are all the claims pending in this application.

Claims 1-2, 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Adachi et al. (5,682,070)

Claims 3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Adachi et al. in view of common knowledge in the art.

The Applicants traverse the rejections and request reconsideration.

A. *Formal Matters*

The Examiner has found the presently filed drawings to be informal. However, no PTO-948 has been issued. The Examiner is kindly requested to provide the Applicants with a copy of the PTO-948 form.

B. *Section 102(b) rejection of claims 1, 2, 4 and 5*

Claim 1 requires *a connection latch portion formed at an end portion of each of conductor wires constituting said stator winding in such a manner as to have a mounting hole,*

The Examiner appears to be mischaracterizing 172a, 173a etc, of Adachi as equivalent to a connecting latch portion of claim 1. However, as can be clearly seen in Fig. 1 of Adachi, 172a is not part of the conducting wire. It is a lead wire connecting part. The conducting wire 53 merely passes through the windows and then the wire is clamped. Further, it is welded if necessary. Still further, the conducting wire itself does not have a mounting hole as required by

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claim 1. The conducting wire merely passes through the mounting hole in the lead wire connecting part that is a unit separate from the conducting wire 53.

Therefore, a key structural difference related to this claim element is that claim 1 requires a connecting wire with a mounting hole, while Adachi discloses a connecting wire that has no mounting hole and a separate lead wire connecting part that has a mounting hole.

Further, claim 1 requires that *conductor wires are connected to said rectifier by passing mounting screws through the mounting holes to thereby fasten and fix said connection latch portions to mounting seats of said rectifier*. On the other hand, in Adachi, the conducting wire passes through the lead connection part, then clamped and welded in place. The following passage clearly illustrates this.

the lead wires are secured to each lead wire connection part by clamping the lead wires which are then welded together and thereby electronically connected (Adachi 10:63-66)

Therefore, while the present invention as recited in claim 1 uses a mounting screw that is positioned through a mounting hole in the connection wire, Adachi discloses running the connection wire through a hole in the lead connection part and then welding it in position.

Clearly, Adachi discloses a structure that welds the connection wire in place. This is akin to the structure in the admitted prior art, thereby, beset with problems identified in the admitted prior art. (see specification 8:4-16)

To anticipate a claim, each element and its associated limitations must be disclosed by the cited reference. Adachi does not disclose (or even remotely suggest) claim 1 at least because of the deficiencies noted above.

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Claims 2 and 4-5 are dependant on claim 1, and therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons.

C. Section 103 rejection of claims 3 and 6

Claims 3 and 6 are dependant on claim 1, and therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons. Further, the Examiner has not cited additional references to overcome the above noted deficiencies in the teachings of Adachi.

II. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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